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Allen Dulles Sees Russians Befuddled By Stalin Attack

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Washington, June 17 (AP)—Director Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency said today he believes the Russian people are "pretty badly befuddled" by the Kremlin campaign to downgrade Stalin.

Dulles said the new Communist leadership is trying to destroy a well-intrenched legend and added:

"I don't believe you can do that to a people. They haven't got any school books any more. They haven't got any history books. They've got to change the whole business. And that isn't easy to do. And the people don't really know how to take it. They're befuddled."

Dulles was interviewed by Representative Ostertag (R., N.Y.) in a program filmed for television broadcast in Up-State New York. The CIA chief is the brother of John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State.

He said he doubted the Kremlin leaders could upgrade themselves by their attacks on Stalin—"it was Stalin that made them"—but added that they probably "think they can run the Government better by doing this."

"You can't run a country if your people are sullen and un-

easy and frightened," he said. Dulles described the anti-Stalin campaign as an attempt to "persuade the peoples of the Soviet bloc that they (the new leaders) are doing away with tyranny." He added, "I don't believe they are."

He said the proceedings of last winter's twentieth Communist Party Congress reveal that the Communist program "is not fundamentally changed."

No Evidence Russia Leads

"They want to spread communism throughout the world," he said. "Now they think they can do it by other means. They think the softer line may get them further than the hard, rigid line of Stalin."

Dulles was asked whether Russia leads the United States in development of an intercontinental ballistic missile. He replied:

"I don't want to make a comparison there. It's very difficult to do it. They have made quite a lot of progress in that field. But I have no evidence that they're ahead of us."

As for the development of atomic power, Dulles said that on an overall basis "they're certainly not ahead of us."